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## PROCEDURE PLAN FOR HANDING OVER INDIA

### Cabinet Approval Postponed

London, May 13.  
The Cabinet today postponed final approval of Viceroy Viscount Mountbatten's plan of procedure for transfer of power in India to permit clarification of several undisclosed points of detail.  
It was expected these points would be cleared up in time for Cabinet action on Thursday or Friday.

## Good Coal Output

### Five-Day Week Is Justified

London, May 13.  
Public opinion in Britain has been considerably reassured by the publication today of coal production figures in the first week of the five-day week system introduced into Britain's coalfields on May 5.

There has been fear that the five-day week system would lead to considerable loss of production at a time when Britain could least afford it. These fears have been widespread both among the public and even inside Government circles. The miners' leaders had begun to hint that the five-day week might have to be reconsidered if the first month's results were not satisfactory. There is relief at the first indication that the average output is likely to be maintained and that it will increase with technical improvements. The figures published today revealed that coal production had, on the balance, been fairly well maintained during the first five-day week except for areas where production was affected by unofficial strikes, as in Scotland.

In announcing these figures, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel, and the main architect of the nationalisation of British mines, felt confident enough to declare, "I think you will get your 200,000,000 tons."

An analysis of today's figures show that some areas actually surpassed the 5-day output in the first five-day week. One exceeded the previous output by 21,000 tons, the other.

## BEER RESTOCKING

London, May 13.  
Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, announced today the restoration of the ten per cent cut in the strength of beer made last August because of the shortage of grain and sugar.

Mr. Strachey said that brewers will brew the maximum quantity they can from the coal stocks now available and "might as well brew it a bit stronger."

The limiting factor in beer supplies now, he added, was coal and not raw materials.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### A Happy Agreement

THE civil air service agreement between China and Britain is a genuine forward step in bringing closer together the commercial interests of these two nations. Negotiations were protracted—to many, perhaps, over-lengthy—but it must be remembered they dealt with a subject which, after the atomic bomb, is the most sensitive international problem of the day. The official statement made after 23 meetings spread over three months, was sketchy, but sufficiently informative to indicate that China and Britain have reached an agreement that not only conforms to the basic principles of the Chicago Convention of 1944, but which offers mutual advantage to the countries concerned. Internationally speaking, Chinese aviation has still to develop before it can successfully compete with Britain, America, Holland and France. China has built up a splendid internal service through its CNAO and CATO—a service which adequately links up the country's most important cities, such as Nanking, Canton, Chungking, Kweilin, Kuming, Shanghai, Peking and Tientsin. This civil aeronautical service also makes Hongkong an important terminal, with planes daily being flown in and out. This fact, apart from the first and second

It was believed that Lord Ismay and General Sir Claude Auchinleck would leave this week. The delay will not affect the roundtable conference called by Lord Mountbatten, as that had already been postponed from May 17 to June 2.

Lord Mountbatten will present the plan of procedure to the Indian leaders at the conference, for their discussion and their comment.

An India Office spokesman said the plan suggested means by which the Indians themselves may decide on what basis power was to be transferred so that constitution-making may proceed without further delay. The plan was understood to outline several courses which might be taken by the Indians toward assumption of power, what the British could do to help and what results could be anticipated. What course should be taken will be left to the Indians to decide.

### ALTERNATIVES

Britain still hopes the round table conference will adopt the original British Cabinet Mission plan for provincial groupings roughly following Hindu and Moslem areas under a Central Government which would deal with such overall questions as defence, communications and foreign policy.

The only alternative would appear to be partition of India into separate independent states, presumably Hindu and Moslem (Muslim) states, and possibly Rajastan if the Indian princes refuse to join either.

Several London newspapers published a report that Lord Mountbatten might propose that Britain withdraw from India by the end of the year instead of by the target date of June, 1948. The Government's white Paper of last February allowed for that possibility by mentioning June 1948 merely as the deadline for withdrawal. This could not be confirmed in any authoritative quarter. However, one India Office official said the point might have been raised to impress on the Indian leaders the necessity for making up their minds on the future of their country as soon as possible.—United Press.

### PRESS SUSPICIOUS

New Delhi, May 13.  
Indian newspapers voiced suspicion and fear of a nationwide "disintegration" of authority as a result of Britain's decision to postpone for two weeks the date for disclosing the details of the British plan for transferring power to Indian hands.

A communiqué from the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, announcing last Saturday night the plan for handing the power over to India before the British authorities quit the country in June of next year will be presented to Indian leaders on May 17.

The following day a second communiqué announced the action would be postponed until June 2 "owing to imminence of a parliamentary recess in London."

The New Delhi Statesman which represents progressive British opinion said the delay carries "the alarming possibility of the further deterioration of the political and administrative matter."

The pro-Congress Hindustan Times called the postponement "highly disappointing" and added "the present state of suspense is causing disintegration of authority all over the country."

Dawn, mouthpiece of the Moslem League said that something obviously had "gone wrong" and added: "The favourable impression which Lord Mountbatten has been able to create by his forthrightness and his obvious determination to play fair may well be shattered on the rock of treachery elsewhere. The Cabinet mission plan is dead."

"It is so dead it now stinks in most nostrils. They will not touch it again even with a pair of tongs. Absolute division of India and sovereign Pakistan alone can bring peace.—Associated Press.

## DEPRESSION WARNING

### Viscount Bruce In Grave Mood

London, May 13.  
A warning of a possible world depression worse than that of 1929-32 was given in the House of Lords today by Viscount Bruce, former Prime Minister of Australia and Australian High Commissioner in London until 1945.

Viscount Bruce, who was Chairman of the Preparatory Commission which drew up the framework for the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, was making his maiden speech after being elevated to the peerage in this year's New Year honours list.

Condemning the argument by some Americans that the United States should cease to be the "fairly godmother of the world," he declared that the United States, the country of the greatest production, would come to economic disaster if she could not sell that production.

### AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY

"In the nineteenth century, Britain was the great creditor nation, now it is America. This is the hour of America's opportunity."

"I pray for the sake of the whole world that America will rise to the height of her opportunity," Viscount Bruce said.

He declared that insufficient attention had been paid to the report of the Preparatory Commission on world food and recommended the establishment of a temporary body to take an international approach to the whole problem of trade until the International Trade Organisation came into existence.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, replying, said that he agreed with everything that Viscount Bruce had said except that the report had not been given enough attention.

It would go to Geneva in August, he said, and meanwhile various countries were working on it. The British Government believed that it had a great deal to gain and nothing to lose from this "bold international approach to the problem."—Reuter.

## Nylons Smuggled Into Palestine

Jerusalem, May 13.  
More than 2,000 pairs of nylon stockings were among the articles allowed to have been smuggled from Transjordan into Palestine, which were found in a motor car belonging to the Transjordan Royal Household when police searched it in a Jerusalem garage, it was officially stated here tonight.

Other goods stated to have been found in the car were 277 cigarette lighters and 250 cigarettes. The driver of the car and two other occupants—non members of the Transjordan Royal household—had been arrested.—Reuter.

## Jury Ignore Witness-Box Murder Confession

Leeds, May 13.

A jury ignored the witness-stand confession of murder by a 19-year-old soldier and today found Eric C. Briggs, 40-year-old weaver, guilty of the fatal knifing of his 49-year-old wife on a deserted street last February.

The jury believed Briggs' pre-trial confession rather than that of Private Dennis Woods and took one hour and 40 minutes to return a verdict. The Court sentenced Briggs to death by hanging.

Earlier, Briggs had refuted his confession as given under duress and yesterday Woods took the stand for the defence and said he had killed Mrs Briggs on an urge although he had never seen her before.

Briggs collapsed after sentence was passed and was carried from Court. Woods remained in gaol pending his own trial for murder next week on charges of killing two spinsters on two separate occasions by bayonetting them to death.—United Press.

## FUTURE OF PALESTINE

### Indo-Soviet Amendment Defeated

The Success, N. Y., May 13.

A joint Indian-Russian amendment calling for the inclusion in the terms of reference of the proposed fact-finding commission "the question of establishing without delay an independent democratic state in Palestine" was today rejected by the Political Committee of the United Nations special assembly on Palestine by 26 votes to 15, with 12 abstentions.

Voting in favour were all the Arab states, the Soviet Union, the Eastern European group, India, Persia and Turkey.

The Arab delegates are now undecided as to whether to walk out of the special assembly in protest against the Political Committee's decision.

One section of the Arab delegates, including Faris al Khoury (Syria) was at first understood to be in favour of making a gesture of protest by boycotting this session, but a more moderate opinion has prevailed.

"If the independence of Palestine as one state is not taken as a guiding principle of the fact finding commission's work then Arab co-operation cannot be assured," Faris al Khoury declared today. "We are opposed to the way the case has been put."

Asked whether this meant that the Arab states would not co-operate with the fact-finding commission, he said: "The situation has not yet come to that stage."

### RELIGIOUS INTERESTS

At today's session the Political Committee by 27 votes to 9, with 16 abstentions, instructed the fact finding commission to give special consideration to religious interests in Palestine—those of Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

After voting down the "Independent" movement the Committee accepted by 44 votes to 7 a paragraph

### STOP PRESS

## More Pay For Chinese Troops

Nanking, May 14.  
The Chinese government today increased monthly pay for its soldiers from 100,000 to 120,000 Chinese dollars, but the man in the street still is faced with the increasingly serious problem of feeding and clothing himself with wages that lag far behind the prices.

The Government increased the soldiers' pay to C\$14,500,000 monthly and hiked the living allowances of its civilian employees C\$10,420,000 monthly, retroactive to May 1.

It did not say how it would meet the increased expenses which totals \$300,000,000,000 in Chinese financing. It flew \$33,000,000 in Chinese bank notes to its besieged garrison at Tai Yuan, capital of Shanai province, and promised the surrounded troops to fly in 140 tons of ammunition in a day or two.—Associated Press.

## PLANE EXPLODES IN MIDAIR

London, May 13.  
Two occupants of a Mosquito aircraft flown on a test were killed when the machine exploded in mid-air near Ringway airfield, Cheshire, today.

According to an eye-witness, there was a terrific flash followed by a pall of black smoke. Wreckage was strewn over a wide area and hedges and grass were scorched by the heat of the blazing parts of the plane when they fell to the ground.

Fire engines were rushed to the scene but were unable to get near enough to try to rescue the crew. The aircraft was to have been handed over to the Turkish Government.—Reuter.

## COURAGEOUS MOVE BY RAMADIER

### French Premier Becomes Food Minister

Paris, May 13.

Displaying great political courage and determination, Premier Paul Ramadier announced today that he was personally taking over the unpopular and critical Ministry of Food Supplies.

The strike of workers in the plant of the Paris Flour Mill Company which began early today brought a lightning response from M. Ramadier who, without hesitation, ordered the mill to be requisitioned by the government. This means that workers there are now under military law and refusal to work will mean that they will be ousted and their jobs handed by competent soldiers.

Following this morning's Cabinet meeting, Premier Ramadier told the press: "This monkey business has gone on long enough. People have got to eat. I know I have public opinion behind me and, if necessary, we will take yet further measures."

His words, however, went unheeded by millers in the suburban Corbeil plants where a strike was declared this afternoon.

The government immediately ordered the requisitioning of this mill also.

The millers are demanding a 15-franc per hour wage increase. The Paris and Corbeil mills are the biggest in the area and can handle 8,500 quintals each day.

### STRIKE DANGER

It was feared their lead might result in a general millers' strike in the Paris area.

M. Ramadier, who will assume the functions of Food Minister till August 1, said he had a plan, which would be put into operation soon, to deal with the continued meat shortage. The Food Commissioner, M. Georges Rastel, will still continue in his functions.

Asked what prompted him to take over this Ministry, which has broken the backs of many politicians before, the Premier replied: "When the ship springs a leak, it is natural that the captain should take over the helm."

However, it was an open secret that much of the confusion to be found today in France's food situation came from the bitter antagonism between Liberal Georges Rastel and the Minister of National Economy, Andre Philip, who wants an even greater measure of government control over economy.

In order to persuade farmers to give up their wheat at the official ceiling price, which farmers consider too low, the government is about to launch a great "persuasion" programme.

Prominent Catholic, Protestant and Jewish churchmen, politicians and writers will be called in to aid the government in this work.

In several regions of France, the wheat shortage is so serious that many prefects have had to order bread rationing reduced today to 200 grammes from 250 grammes.

On the industrial side of the situation, there was little change. One of four hundred workers of the Renault automobile plant continued their strike, although some

30,000 of their comrades voted to return to work.—United Press.

### MINISTER'S WARNING

Geneva, May 13.  
M. Andre Philip, French Minister of National Economy, said today that

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## County Cricket Results

London, May 13.

The South Africans beat Surrey by 115 runs at Kennington Oval today, the match ending shortly after the lunch interval.

Starting the day with eight wickets in hand and needing 224 to win the county side were faced with a difficult pitch owing to overnight heavy rain, which was responsible for the absence of the anticipated thrilling finish.

From an early hour on the final day the South African bowlers were on top and Surrey being forced to play a defensive game. Once the overnight pair were parted before he hundred on the board wickets fell steadily and there were indications that the game would be over before lunch.

At the Oval: South Africans beat Surrey by 115 runs. South Africa 83 and 311. Surrey 112 and 187. At Lords: Somerset beat Middlesex by one wicket. Middlesex 231 and 78. Somerset 134 and 179 for nine.

At Northampton: Warwickshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets. Warwickshire 295 and 55 for one. Northamptonshire 134 and 215 (Frederick 70, Hollies five for 60).

At Canterbury: Kent beat Derbyshire by 100 runs. Kent 210 and 295 for seven declared (Todd 98). Derbyshire 226 and 170 (Smith 70, Ridgeway four for 48).

At Portsmouth: Hampshire beat Sussex by 88 runs. Hampshire 224 and 203 (McVie 59 not out). Sussex 253 and 98 (Herman six for 33, Ransom four for 37).

At Kidderminster: Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by 150 runs. Worcestershire 109 and 245 for eight declared (Jenkins not out 56, Jackson four for 40). Leicestershire 171 and 93 (Howarth four for 18).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Essex. Essex 224 and 276 for five declared (Dodd 64, Vigar not out 84, Smith 61). Cambridge 290 and 134 for seven (Smith five for 40).—Reuter.



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by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

ONE of the many virtues combined in the character of the Plucky Little Woman (your Uncle Nat's Life Partner) is the virtue of loyalty.

So, when she gave her loyalty to the present Government in 1945 (even to the extent of dragging muttering old men off stiles and invalids from their beds, to vote for it) the present Government had, in the P.L.W., one of their staunchest friends in Britain.

As we all know, many will give you their friendship when you are successful. Most will withdraw it when you are not.

Once given to Governments or people, the friendship of the P.L.W. transcends all the buffings that fate may have in store for you. Indeed, it thrives on buffings. The harder your luck, the firmer her friendship. The more you are abused the more passionate her defence.

Therefore, all the abuse heaped at Ministers during the present crisis only increases her sympathy for the Government and her contempt for the Opposition, whom she compares to a gang of rude and noisy urchins without the charm of youth.

In other words, she is prepared to freeze to death for Mr. Shinwell.

## Defending Mr. A.

IT is about 9 a.m. and your Uncle is engaged in his morning task of glancing through all the morning newspapers. He has handed the National Funny Morning Newspaper to the P.L.W. because he never feels strong enough to read it early in the day.

As a matter of fact he never feels strong enough to read it at any time, but duty is duty and newspapers are his trade.

Presently squeaks of indignation come from the next room where the P.L.W. is shivering under an elderly down reading The National Funny. She shouts: "The National Funny says Mr. Atlee was booted at the Churchill wedding. Is it in any other paper?"

So your Uncle has to wrench his goitling eyes from the adventures of Garth, that muscle-bound old teaser of women, who is his favourite comic strip character, and concentrate on reports of the Churchill wedding.

After a careful search, he fails to find anything about boozing in the other paper and shouts back: "No. It's a National Funny scoop."

As a couple of old newspaper reporters we both know what that means.

Presently the P.L.W. shaking with cold and fury, comes into your Uncle's room and leads off about the National Funny in a big way.

Her hatreds are as violent as her loves, her memory as long as an elephant's, and she remembers things about the National Funny which tolerant people have tried to forget. Moreover, it has indirectly attacked Mr. Atlee, who has enjoyed her protection for more than eighteen months.

Whenever anybody attacks Mr. A. she reminds them of his military rank in the Kaiser's war.

Anybody who says a word against Mr. A. (even to her) gets the full blast of her oratory and usually retires, hurt.

Then she notices that it is 9.10 a.m. exactly and that your Uncle's electric heater is still on.

This, she says, is plain sabotage of the fuel-saving appeal. Your Uncle says after all, it is only ten minutes over the official time.

She replies that if 10,000,000 people kept heaters on ten minutes over-time that would be ten times 10,000,000 minutes, which she can't work out at the moment, but is enough to wreck the plans of Mr. Shinwell.

She also points out that having more than your share of fuel in a national emergency is as low and mean as was having more than your share of food when ships were being sunk.

Your Uncle, who remembers accepting the gift of a quarter of a pound of tea in 1942, also retires hurt—to bed.

## Helping Mr. S.

IT is impossible to read in bed with the heater off, even if your Uncle wears mittens and his Home Guard balacava helmet. There is a little coal and gas waste at all un-jesses are prepared to chop up the furniture.

The Nest is 600 feet above sea level, and the east wind whistles through every ill-fitting window. So your Uncle is obliged to throw away the papers and keep his hands warm under the bedclothes.

And even usually keeps warm by moving the furniture from one room to another, and is never happier than when all the windows and doors are wide open, seem defeated by this austerity.

She is lying in bed, too, with her head covered, making muffled remarks about people who are probably trying to wreck her Government by burning fuel this very minute.

The hours drag on towards twelve o'clock and at five minutes to your Uncle puts a hand gingerly out of bed and tries to switch on the heater.

He thought the P.L.W.'s head was still under the bedclothes, but when he sees her reproachful blue eyes watching him over the elderdown he withdraws the naughty hand.

The P.L.W. says it would help Mr. Shinwell if we didn't burn our fuel between twelve and two; also help to make up for the fuel burned by cads and wreckers between nine and twelve.

It is your Uncle's turn to make muffled remarks, this time about Mr. Shinwell.

The P.L.W. jumps out of her bed with the sudden determination of somebody whose mind is made up to commit suicide.

She says she is going to prepare lunch, though she doesn't know what of, as the fishmonger has been closed for a week. She says she will bring it upstairs, as it will be coster.

Coster with the heater on, asks your Uncle? The P.L.W. points out that if everybody sacrificed their fuel ration between 12 and two the crisis would be over in a few days.

The cosy lunch, cold American sausage and hot baked potatoes, arrives. Just when your Uncle has rubbed enough circulation into his blue fingers to hold a knife and fork the P.L.W. hears some hungry birds crying in the garden.

Hungry birds have been on the P.L.W.'s mind for some time. She has longed to throw bread to them, but as Mr. Strachey is also under her protection, she has been unable to do this.

Now she has a bright idea. The potato skins are not likely to be nice without butter, which we can't spare, so what about throwing potato skins to them? Mr. S. couldn't object to that.

So the window is opened wide and out go the potato skins, including your Uncle's with most of the potato attached to it.

The wind roars in. Your Uncle takes cover. The P.L.W. leans out and makes sucking noises to the birds.

Presently the P.L.W. looks round, her hair glistening with snow, and reports:—

"They're using the potato skins as hot bottles and clamping their little claws on them, the pets."

All creatures she loves are "pets"—all birds, all animals and the entire Cabinet.

## Cake for Mr. B.

ONE of the creatures the P.L.W. hates is poor Mr. Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector.

It is no use telling her he is not responsible for the rate of income tax and is only doing his duty. And it's no use blaming Mr. Dalton. He's one of the pets.

While we are under our bedclothes waiting for switching-on time at four o'clock, the P.L.W. thinks up her revenge for Mr. B.'s dirty letter which arrived with the demand for rates.

She is going to ask Mr. Bloodsucker to tea between two and four in the afternoon. He is going to sit with his back to the window that won't shut and faces north-east and she is going to make him a poisoned cake.

Of course, it won't be poisoned in the ordinary way, says the S.S.S. reckoned that if all the skins had been used as sausage-casings there would have been enough sausages, if there had been any sausages inside the casings, to reach from Bridport almost to Billingshurst (taking the circuitous route round Amford, following the railway between Kenilworth Common and Slack Corner, and avoiding the Enfield Bypass, so as to emerge on the Tramway road some forty yards beyond the Gravelled Arms).

A family evicted to make way for a satellite town had built a bungalow from the skins. The S.S.S. reckoned that if all the skins had been used as sausage-casings there would have been enough sausages, if there had been any sausages inside the casings, to reach from Bridport almost to Billingshurst (taking the circuitous route round Amford, following the railway between Kenilworth Common and Slack Corner, and avoiding the Enfield Bypass, so as to emerge on the Tramway road some forty yards beyond the Gravelled Arms).

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## Triumph of Mr. S.

IT is evening and the P.L.W. has caught your Uncle out twice leaving a light on in the bathroom. He has caught her out once leaving a light on in the kitchen and is feeling rather smug.

At six o'clock we listen, shivering, to Stuart Hibberd reading the news. Stuart Hibberd always seems fated to read bad news.

We remember he always informed us of the worst disasters during the war. This time, reading rather fast, as if he might be shivering too, he tells us of the penalties to be imposed for infringements of the fuel regulations.

This depresses your Uncle because it sounds like war again. But it delights the P.L.W. This will show saboteurs that the pet Shinwell means business, though she wouldn't be surprised if some were prepared to risk £100 fine and/or imprisonment for the sake of bringing her Government down.

What's £100 to them anyway? There is a sudden cry from the P.L.W. She is looking out of the window and pointing dramatically to a light down the road. It is a porch light shining brilliantly along the garden path and obviously unnecessary.

The P.L.W.'s fighting blood is up. She calls for a sweeper and rubber boots and reaches for her wartime bowler.

Your Uncle points out that the road is a sheet of ice; that in rubber boots she will only fall flat on her nose; that she is not an appointed agent of the pet Shinwell, anyway.

But she has already struggled into the rubber boots, the sweeper is over her head and she is half-way out of the front door when the porch light is switched off.

Somebody else has been listening to the news. It is a great triumph for the pet Shinwell and his penalties.

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

FURTHER light was shed on the mystery of the sausage skins yesterday when officials of the Sausage Skin Security Police found an enormous dump of skins in a quarry near Budlow-Sotfield.

A family evicted to make way for a satellite town had built a bungalow from the skins. The S.S.S. reckoned that if all the skins had been used as sausage-casings there would have been enough sausages, if there had been any sausages inside the casings, to reach from Bridport almost to Billingshurst (taking the circuitous route round Amford, following the railway between Kenilworth Common and Slack Corner, and avoiding the Enfield Bypass, so as to emerge on the Tramway road some forty yards beyond the Gravelled Arms).

## Potato v. Poteto

Gooseboote: Would you say, Mr. Potato, that the possession of an ancestor who was employed as a gardener to the deceased King Henry II, is sufficient justification for offensive nostril-twitching?

Potato: Not in itself. But there was provocation. Mr. Poteto's whole manner suggested that he thought my name foolish and funny.

Snapdriver: And is it not? Cocklecarrot: We have been over all this, Mr. Snapdriver.

Snapdriver: M'lud, I shall call medical evidence to show that the twitch associated with the malady known, I believe, as hay fever, cannot be mistaken for the twitch of disquietude.

Poteto: Anyone can twitch his nostril. There's nothing in it. Cocklecarrot: Nothing in it! Then what the devil are we all here for?

(Silence. Muffled laughter. Cries of "Tut-tut!")

## The core of the matter

Snapdriver: In the case of Connie Armittage and the Wolverton Paper Mills versus Lord Connedrift, it was demonstrated that a hay-fever sneeze blew a hot bit of an auctioneer's head at thirty paces.

Gooseboote: But nobody has sneezed in this case.

Snapdriver: A twitching nostril often precedes a sneeze.

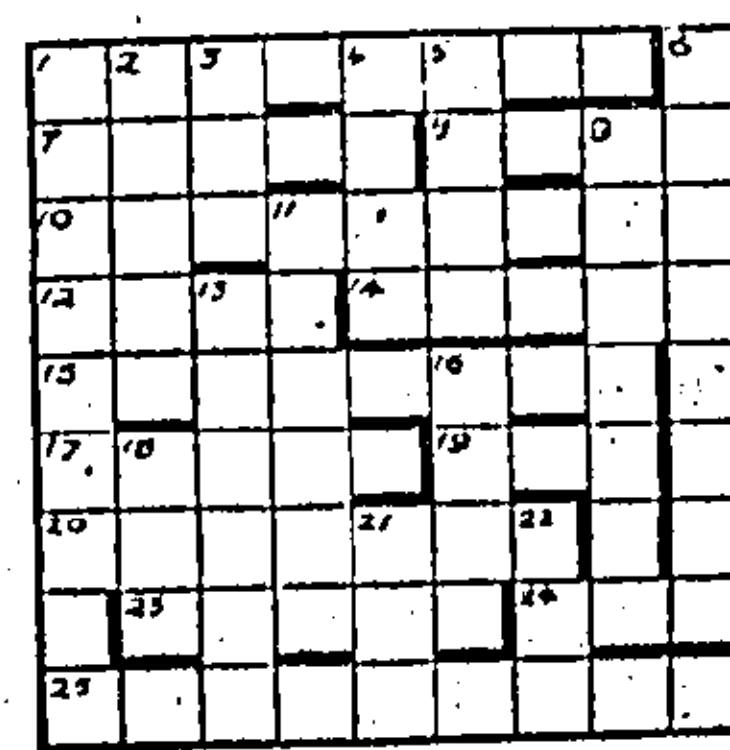
Mr. Poteto: I was too angry to sneeze. Gooseboote: Admit you admit anger. Snapdriver: Certainly nobody twitches his nostril for the mere fun of it. Mr. Poteto: In an attack of hay-fever.

Gooseboote: A clown might do it. Snapdriver: That would prove nothing. If the clown had hay-fever.

Gooseboote: If he hadn't, he still might.

Cocklecarrot: Might what? Snapdriver: Well may your lordship ask!

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



17. Notorious. (5) 19. Extend. (3)  
20. Nonpareil. (7)  
21. "And where the trees bloom" (Goethe). (5)  
22. Agreeable sound? (3)  
23. Lament. (3)

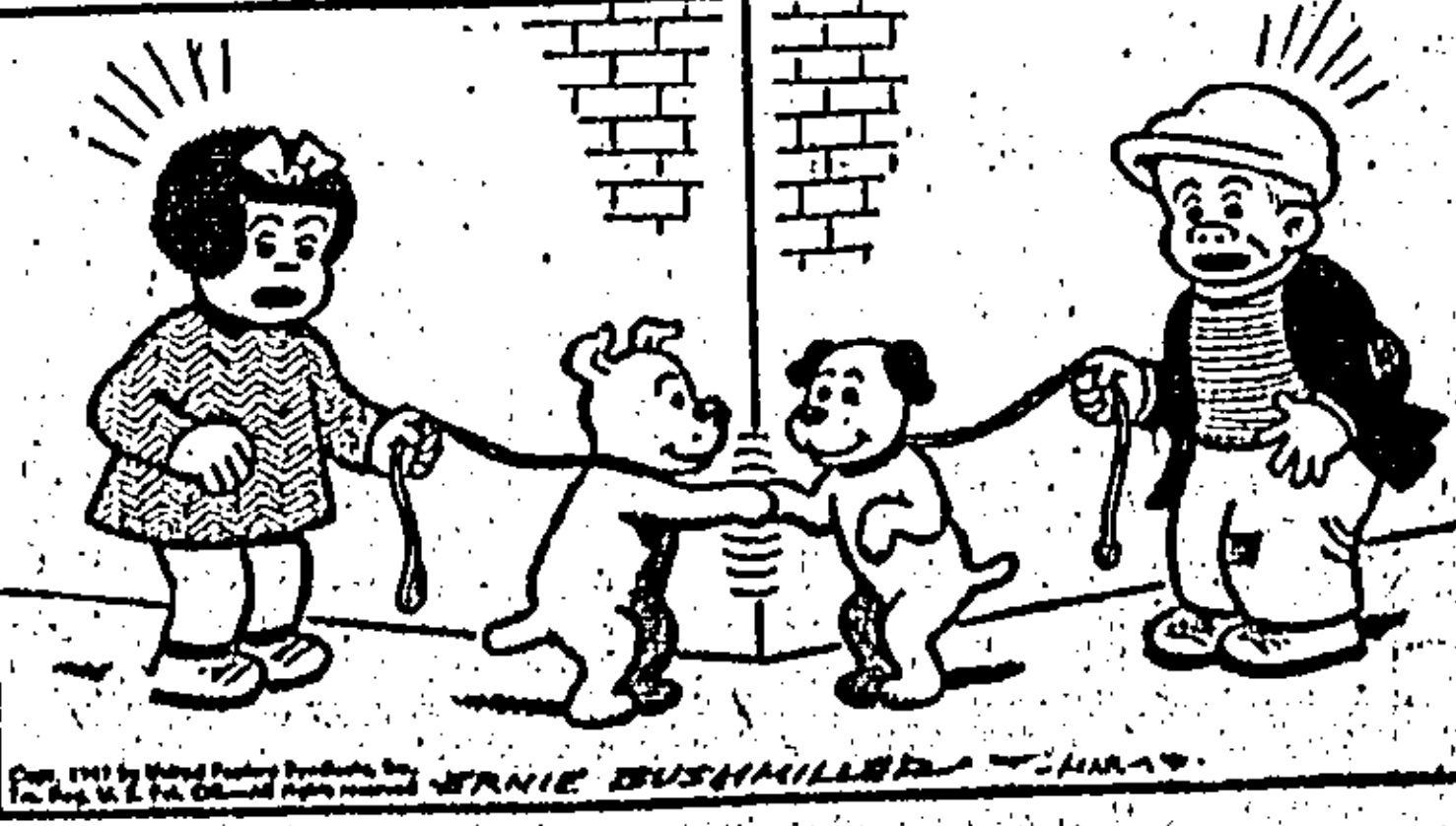
Down  
1. Tamed same (anag.). (9)  
2. Crows. (3)  
3. Little blazer boys at the start. (3)  
4. Stumps in the States. (4)  
5. The Indians make it from buffalo milk. (4)  
6. How silly it is. (8)  
7. You get a cry in a lane like this. (7)  
8. I begin. "We praise Thee O God." (2, 4)  
9. Absurdities. (5)  
10. Just average. (4)  
11. Taken from boiling rat. (3)  
12. Not carried by ships for fuel. (3)  
13. Deserter. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Amiable. 2. Picked. 3. Prawn. 4. Tame. 5. Tame. 6. Tame. 7. Tame. 8. Tame. 9. Tame. 10. Tame. 11. Tame. 12. Tame. 13. Tame. 14. Tame. 15. Tame. 16. Tame. 17. Tame. 18. Tame. 19. Tame. 20. Tame. 21. Tame. 22. Tame. 23. Tame. 24. Tame. 25. Tame.

Across  
1. Good tact (anag.). (3, 2, 3)  
2. The Indian mallow. (5)  
3. Health alone provides it. (4)  
4. They tangle men like this. (10)  
5. Measure. (4)  
6. Looks that are not nice. (5)  
7. A way that, pined mice become prevalent. (5)

Sidney Rodin

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By LOIS LEEDS



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### BEAUTY CALENDAR

Your post war Beauty needs a Beauty Calendar! So let's make one. It is easy to follow a routine when your plans are all mapped out. Remember the efficiency of your work sheet during wartime? Well, let's have a Work Sheet in the form of a Beauty Calendar! Make a calendar or do a "pinup" of your daily plans on one of these wallboards. This calendar is for the Homemaker.

**Monday:** Five minutes to relax before starting your day. Take down hair and cover with a pretty, colourful net. Do housework, wearing gloves. Check groceries, make a list of needed articles. Lunch. Relax, while you eat. And remember—eat foods for energy. Do odd jobs. Exercise while you work. Good posture, deep breathing, swing from your hips. Dinner. Leftovers from Sunday, keep work at a minimum. Dress before your Man gets home. Wear something colourful. Stick a flower or a ribbon bow in your hair. Evening. While listening to the radio give yourself a

home manicure. Keep all your tools in a neat little box. Quick-drying aids make a quick job of polish drying. Do your mending, sewing or knitting. Smooth hands make for smooth work!

**Tuesday, Breakfast.** Let dishes soak. Go over your house. Bring on the Efficiency that took you through the war days. Lunch. Relax. Beauty Bath—yes, right in the middle of the afternoon! Time out! Fill your tub, throw in some sweet bath salts. When you get out you'll be twice as fit to finish the day and go shopping for yourself or for the house and family. Your dinner can be cooking while you are beauty bathing. While in your bath let your skin delight in a mask or a layer of rich beauty cream. Dinner. Serve something simple or what was cooking while you were beauty-bathing. Put on your prettiest housecoat and improve your mind by reading a good book or entertain your husband and children. NOTE—Children and husbands stay at home when home. Is made interesting by YOU!

**Wednesday:** "Do as you please" day—bathe and brush your hair. **Thursday:** Get up 20 minutes earlier. Take a beauty bath before breakfast. Give your house a "beauty treatment." Clean and polish. Lunch. Stop just long enough for a simple snack. A short "beauty nap" and a beauty makeup. This is your evening out! Dinner at a restaurant or have friends in after dinner at home. Before "lights out" remove every trace of makeup and put on a little cream. And never forget your hand cream.

**Friday:** Dress before breakfast, for shopping. Leave dishes in the sink. Yes, you heard me! Go to town for shopping. Carry an efficient list with you. Clean and press clothes when you return. Wear a cream mask or a layer of cream while doing cleaning and pressing. Before retiring massage scalp and brush well to cleanse hair and scalp.

**Saturday:** Not a holiday for you! Put on a mid-morning makeup. Have your "Sunday dinner" tonight. I needn't tell you that Saturday night is fun night—and beauty bath night!

**Sunday:** YOUR day! Make yourself as pretty as possible. Relax, beauty by skin cleansing. Make up and don your best dress. A light "pick-up" supper. "Look pretty, please" for company this evening. There you have it! You'll have to tailor your Beauty Calendar to your own special needs.

### Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



No cosmetic "closes the pores." Certain astringent creams, often called "pore" creams, cause the pores to become more active through increased circulation. Other astringents also perform this service. They aid in ridding the skin of excess oil. Cosmetics, properly selected, do much to clear up an oily condition but you must follow carefully the directions for their use.

### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"George is going to be busy on his income tax tonight, but I told him only the Joneses were coming over and you'd excuse him!"

## 2,000,000 Workers In Aircraft Production

At the peak of its activities in 1944, the aircraft production industry of Britain employed something not far short of 2,000,000 people, of whom about 40 percent were women. The corresponding figures for 1935, when air rearmament began, was 35,000—practically all men—and for 1939 about 355,000, including 15 percent women.

This information is contained in the story of British aircraft production 1935-1945 prepared for the Ministry of Aircraft Production (now incorporated in the Ministry of Supply) by the Central Office of Information and published by H. M. Stationery Office under the title, "The Aircraft Builders".

The figure of 2,000,000 people is something like one-tenth of the total labour force of the country in peacetime, and it made aircraft production by far the largest industry in the country, employing more people than coalmining and agriculture put together.

It meant that on the average one in every two or three families had some member of the family engaged,

directly or indirectly, in the production of aircraft.

Here are some other interesting facts and reflections from this handy but comprehensive survey of aircraft production:

In 1945 we were producing three basic types of four-engined bombers, seven of fighters, four of medium and light bombers, three of general reconnaissance aircraft, seven of naval aircraft, and eight of trainers—a total of 33 basic types.

At the height of the Battle of Britain, Hurricanes leaving the factories on Saturday were often in action on the following Tuesday, back for repair 24 hours later, and in service again by the week-end. Up to October 1945, the Air Transport Auxiliary had delivered from factories to aerodrome 302,203 aircraft from Moths to the latest types of secret machines. When it came into existence, soon after the war began, it had a strength of 29 pilots. In 1945 it had over 600, and over 1,000 engineers employed in servicing the machines. The job was not one of safe and simple "taxi-work" of the original 39 pilots, 19 were killed in the course of their duties.

Five million tons had to be cut every year to supply plywood used in aircraft construction.

No less than 43 different versions of the Merlin engine were introduced into service use from the beginning of the war.

## CUT DOWN SMOKING—AND WON £64,450

William Melville, 60-year-old Aberdeen stonemason, was always a careful smoker. Before the Budget he worked on a plan for each section of the day.

Morning, he smoked five Woodbines; afternoon, another five; and at home in the evening with his wife, Annie, and 23-year-old daughter, Irene, another six—16 in all.

After the Budget, Mr Melville found, like thousands of others, that he couldn't afford to smoke. He commuted and, Scots fashion, worked again to a plan—three Woodbines in the morning, three in the afternoon, and four in the evening—10 a day.

But a fortnight ago, winner of the greatest pools prize of £64,450, sat in one of London's luxury hotels smoking a more expensive brand of cigarette.

"I don't think I shall worry about cutting down any more," he said.

### HE'LL RETIRE

For 34 years Mr Melville has laboriously chipped the tombstones of local residents into shape from good Aberdeen granite. It is hard work, and unhealthy.

Although he has always worked in a mine, he has long trouble from the fine stone dust made by his chisel. Always he longed for the stroke of luck that would free him from his job.

Then one day a Littlewood's agent called him outside the stonemason's to tell him he had won a big prize.

With him to London, went Irene and grey-haired Mrs Melville. On the way Mr Melville thought the prize might reach £17,000.

An hour before the presentation of the cheque, when he learned that the family would be richer by over £64,000, Bill's only exclamation was, "Good night."

The presentation party was complete when 22-year-old, Guardsman Gordon Melville—four years in the Scots Guards and training to be a teacher when he is demobilised—joined the family.

But Irene, sipping a lemonade while her mother and father posed for pictures, whispered to a reporter: "I wish it had never happened. We were very happy, and I hope this doesn't make any difference."

Mr Melville's total earnings in a month to £152,172. Cheques have already gone to: A bus driver, £21,456; a butcher, £13,238; and two men who shared £13,028.

## This Secret Lamp Revealed The Enemy

News of another British wartime scientific triumph has just been released—a device which enabled British escort fighters with our bomber streams at night to differentiate between British and enemy airplanes.

At the end of the war bombers and fighters carried an infra-red lamp which could be seen and identified in the dark without detection by the Germans.

It became essential when bombers were fitted with radar-controlled guns which could open up automatically at any aircraft within a certain distance.

Details of German infra-red devices, which included a rifle-light for use at night, were released about a year ago, and American equipment has received much publicity.

**Ahead Of Others**  
It now appears that British infra-red devices were probably ahead of either German or American products. In 1941 infra-red driving equipment was introduced in the army to enable transport and tanks to deploy before dawn—under cover of darkness—ready for a daylight attack.

Infra-red signalling lamps were widely used by the British Forces, especially the Commandos.

At the end of the war a complete infra-red signal receiver weighing only 14lb. was in use. This compared with the German best of 10lb., without its power unit.

## Home Life Of Frau Goering

Herman Goering's widow, Emmy, soon to face a denazification trial, told a reporter in Neuhaus, Bavaria: "I was only my husband's wife."

German authorities said she would be charged as a "profiteer of Nazism," for which the maximum penalty can be 10 years' gaol. "All I own is the remembrance of 10 years of happy married life," she told the Associated Press in an interview.

She denied that she had profited from Nazism or had participated in politics in any way.

Emmy Goering appeared far younger than her 53 years, as she spoke in the two-room forester's house she shared with her sister, her daughter, Edda (8), and a domestic servant.

Her hair is still blond, without any touches of grey. She wore a colourful Bavarian costume with a blouse of blossom design.

**Poison Capsule**  
She discussed a wide range of topics—her finances, her life during the war, and how she also had, but never used, a poison capsule such as that with which her husband took his life at Nuremberg prison.

But always she swung the conversation back to her husband. "I cannot believe he is really dead," she said, tears welling into her eyes.

Those who saw him at Nuremberg did not know what kind of a man he really was.

"We never stories may be spread about him and me, nobody is able to cast any reflection on our married life. Marriages as happy as ours occur but seldom."

"He was my husband and I sided with him and will side with him forever."

**Hermann 'Fueled Up'**  
Frau Goering said her husband never discussed politics with her, and that "he did not know I was not a member of the Nazi Party until 1935, when the Fuehrer informed me that I had been made a member without applying."

"Hermann was always glad," she said, "that I did not occupy myself with political matters. In our house we talked only about household affairs, our child, and about the theatre and art. My friends used to say we were the only family in the war that they did not feel that a war was being waged."

"When Hermann left the house, he used to say, 'Now I have really fuelled up again,' meaning that he had rested."

## 3,000 MEN GET QUEEN MARY READY FOR JULY

More than 3,000 workmen are hustling to get the Queen Mary, the world's second largest ship, ready for her first passenger service trip to New York since the outbreak of war. Cunard-white Star expect she will be ready to wards the end of June.

Men are working day and night to refit her after her wartime service as a troopship.

Both in the King George V. graving dock, where the ship's hull and interior are being repainted and redecorated, and at two RAF hangars outside Southampton where her furniture, "evacuated" during the war, is being cleaned and repolished.

Almost every stick of furniture in the peacetime Queen Mary—tables, chairs and beds of 2,500 staterooms and even the gymnasium and Turkish bath equipment—was taken out of the ship and stored in depots in New York and Sydney in 1941.

Now, in hundreds of packing cases, the furniture has been brought back



## Probing Antarctic Treasure

The Antarctic is a treasure house of science. It is a laboratory of incalculable possibilities and contains the answer to many of the world's scientific puzzles.

This is what the two members of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition said when they arrived in Sydney. They are Dr Paul A. Siple and Robert N. Davis, the first two returning members of the expedition to reach Australia.

Dr Siple, senior U.S. War Department representative with Admiral Byrd, has been with four Byrd expeditions to the Antarctic. He has spent more time in the Antarctic than any other man.

Mr Davis, who is also from the U.S. War Department, was a scientific assistant to Byrd. They were both attached to the Central Group or Command Group.

### "No Exploration"

"You must keep in mind that this was no exploration, no seeking for land to annex or minerals to discover," they said.

"It was purely a U.S. naval task force working out new naval techniques of operating in what we call 'cold water.' We were there to overcome ice and not to be overruled by it."

"We have made discoveries. For instance, we have found that our great new ice-breakers can crash through continuous ice—that is, an unbroken area of ice like a frozen plateau—12ft. and 14ft. thick. Previously, continuous ice about 3ft. thick would hold up our former ice-breakers."

### Scientific Problems

"We have also proven that a base can be established by plane and can then be maintained all the year round by plane."

They said, "There are great scientific problems to be solved, and great scientific truths to be established in the Antarctic."

"We are hoping that Australia, New Zealand and the South American republics the lands lying closest to this Aladdin's cave of knowledge, will co-operate in seeking its scientific treasures."

## Bligh's Tomb Outcry

Suggestions that Captain Bligh's tomb should be transferred from Lambeth Churchyard to Sydney brought strong opposition from the Rector of Lambeth (Rev Henry Hedley).

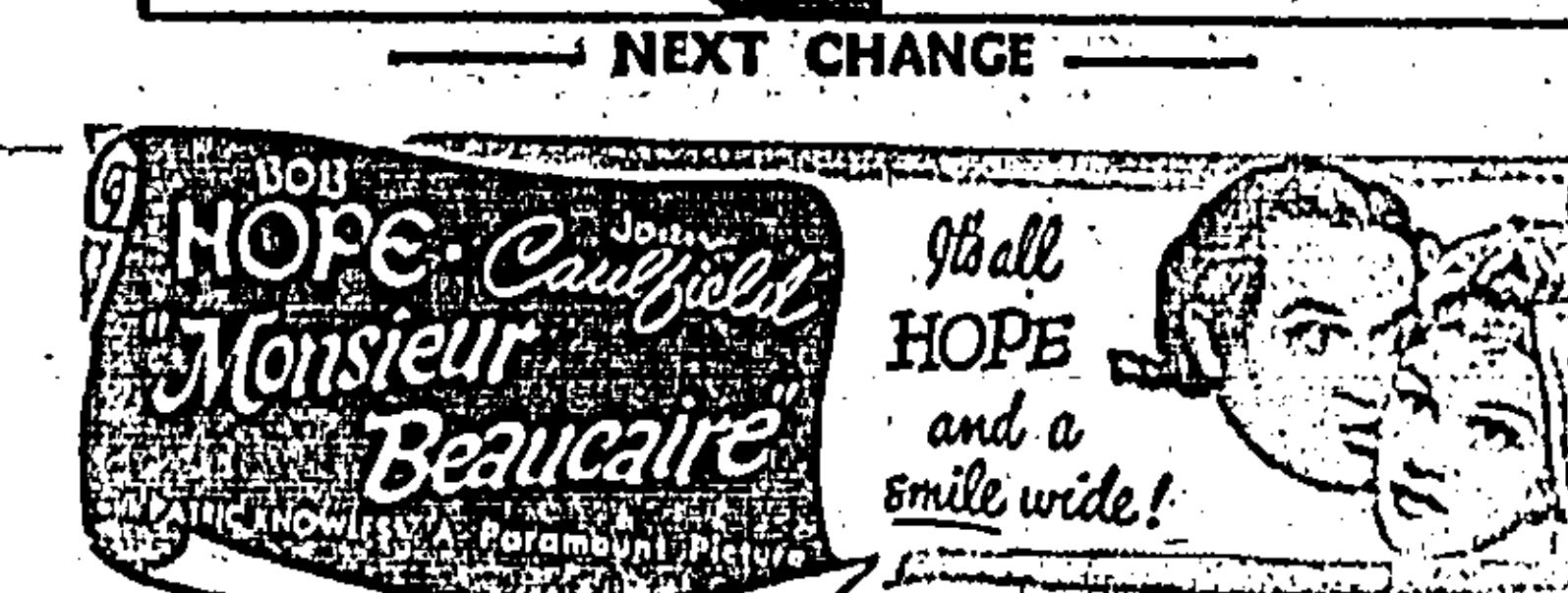
"There'll be an outcry if the tomb is touched," he said.

The controversy started after the New South Wales Agent General (Mr J. M. Tully) suggested to the then Premier of New South Wales (Mr McKelvey) that "something should be done about the tomb."

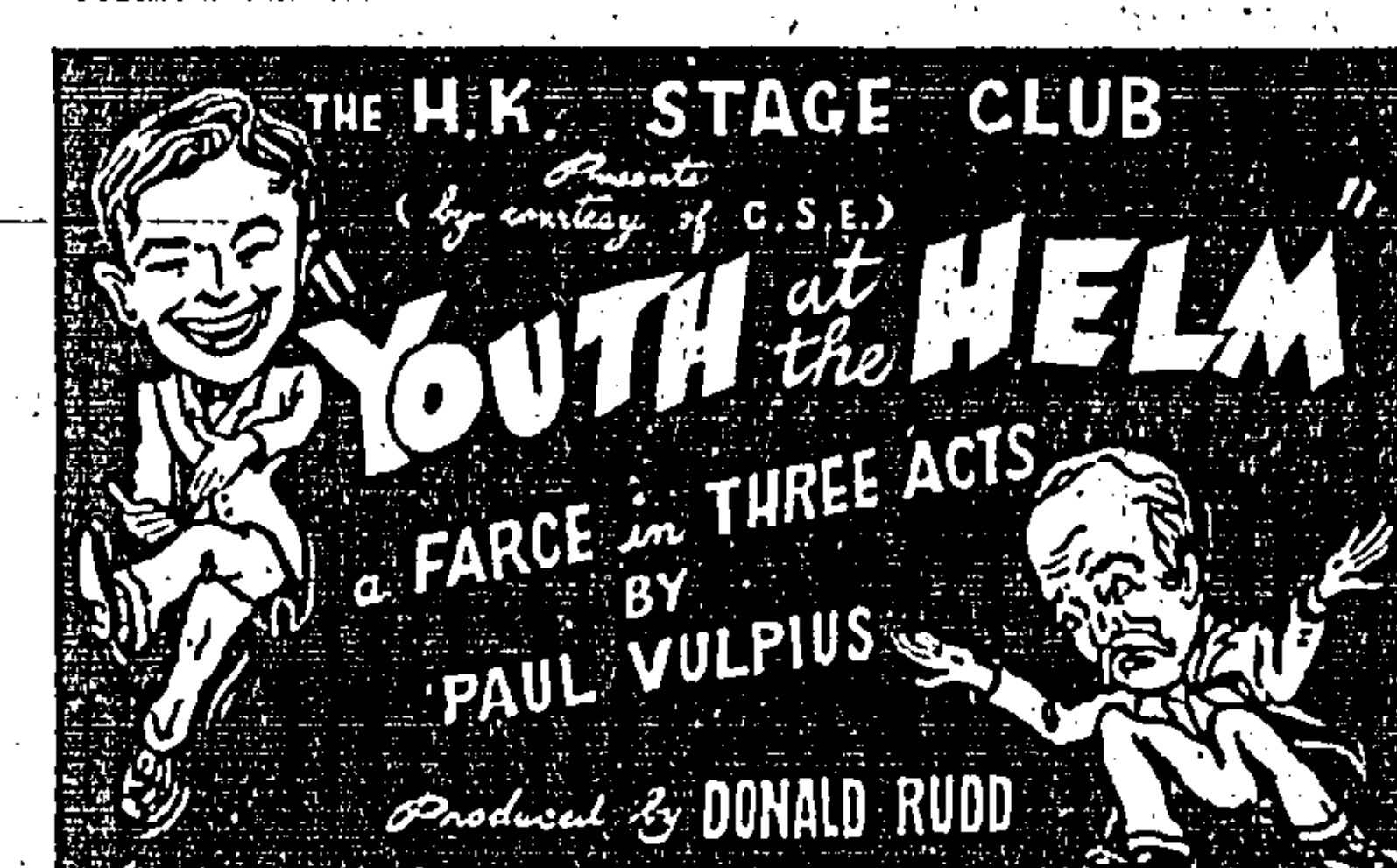
Mr Tully denied that he had been "working behind the backs of the Lambeth authorities."

"I only sought an official direction from Sydney whether I should approach the Lambeth authorities," he said.

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## Hotels Cannot Get Furniture

Hundreds of hotels in all parts of Britain, requisitioned by the Government during the war, are lying idle and empty because their managements find it impossible to get furniture.

They are unable to provide any accommodation on the eve of a tourist season when the country is expected to be invaded by 150,000 visitors from abroad.

Hoteliers can obtain neither the replacements which were promised them when requisitioning took place in 1939, nor the original furniture which was commandeered and has since been supposed to be stored in Government depots.

### A Typical Case

Hotel proprietors, loaded with debts and coupons which, officially, ought to bring them the goods they require so urgently, are searching high and low for bedroom suites, tables, chairs, beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets, towels, carpets, curtain fabric and crockery.

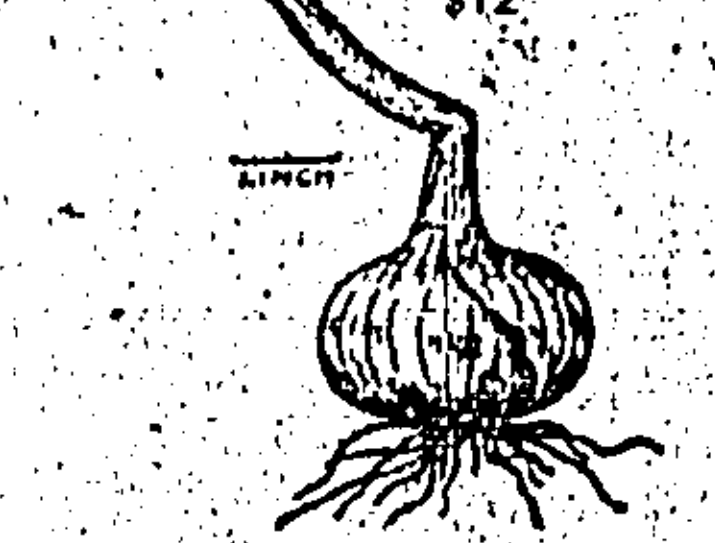
Most of them can find nothing. Typical of the plight of hotel managements is that of Mr. J. J. Hewlett, managing director of the Palace Hotel at Duxton, Derbyshire.

Mr. Hewlett said: "I am faced with the problem of refurnishing

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